

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 30-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over “Nishimura” (EP 1,191,131) in view of “Gernov” (U.S. Patent 6,194,099) and “Parmentier” (U.S. Patent 6,361,900).

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nishimura, Gernov and Parmentier as applied to claims 1, 2, 4-10, 30-33 above, and further in view of “Ouvry” (U.S. Patent 6,444,347).

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nishimura, Gernov and Parmentier as applied to claims 1, 2, 4-10, 30-33 above, and further in view of “Qu” (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0049531) and “Ishikawa” (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0118908).

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nishimura, Gernov, Parmentier, Qu, and Ishikawa, as applied to claim 14 above and further in view of “Yamada” (U.S. Patent 6,040,092).

Claim 34 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nishimura, Gernov, and Parmentier as applied to claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 30-33 above, and further in view of “Takahashi” (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0124424).

Applicants respectfully traverse for the reasons set forth in the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed July 29, 2010, incorporated herein by reference.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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Applicants further request a Suspension of Action for three (3) months in order to study and respond to the issues raised in the Advisory Action dated August 30, 2010.

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